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3059	3/30/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3060	3/30/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3061	3/29/49	Newark report-New York	9	Yes	
3062	4/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
3063	4/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
3064	4/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3065	4/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3066	4/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3067	4/1/49	Bureau teletype to New York	2	Yes	
3068	4/4/49	New York Memo ASAC Belmont	1	No	Released in full
3069	4/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	Yes	

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3070	4/4/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3071	3/30/49	San Diego airtel to Bureau	2	Yes	
3072	3/30/49	Newark report to New York	3	Yes	
3073	3/30/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	5	Yes	
3074	3/31/49	Mobile report to New York	2	Yes	
3075	3/31/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3076	3/31/49	Cleveland letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3077	4/1/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
3078	4/4/49	New York Memo of SA Plant	1	No	Released in full
3079	4/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
3080	4/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	

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3081	4/4/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3082	3/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau	10	Yes	
3083	4/4/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3084	4/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3085	3/28/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3086	3/29/49	Houston letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3087	4/4/49	Bureau Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
3088	4/4/49	New Haven report to New York	1	Yes	
3089	4/5/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3090	4/4/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3091	4/4/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	Yes	

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3093	4/4/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	6	Yes	
3094	4/5/49	Los Angeles Teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3095	4/5/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
3096	4/5/49	New Orleans teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
3097	4/4/49	Denver teletype to New York	1	No	Released in full
3098	4/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
3099	4/5/49	New York teletype to Washington Field Office	1	No	Released in full
3100	4/6/49	New York Memo	2	No	Released in full
3101	3/5/49	Denver teletype to New York	1	Yes	
3102	4/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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3103	4/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3104	4/1/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3105	4/1/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3106	4/4/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
3107	4/4/49	Chicago letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3108	4/4/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	Yes	
3109	4/6/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
3110	4/6/49	New York Memo	1	Yes	
3111	4/7/49	New York Memo	1	NO	Released in full
3112	4/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3113	4/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	

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3114	4/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3115	4/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
3116	4/4/49	Bureau letter to New York	4	Yes	
3117	4/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
3118	4/2/49	San Antonio report to New York	1	Yes	
3119	4/6/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	Yes	
3120	4/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
3121	4/6/49	New York Memo	4	No	Released in full
3122	4/7/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3123	3/31/49	New York Memo	1	Yes	
3124	4/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	

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3125	4/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
3126		New York teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
3127	4/7/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
3128	4/7/49	Bureau teletype to Denver	2	Yes	
3129	4/7/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
3130	4/6/49	New York report to Bureau	87	Yes	
3131	4/7/49	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Released in full
3132	4/7/49	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Released in full
3133	4/7/49	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Released in full
3134	4/7/49	New York Memo of SAC Scheidt	1	No	Released in full
3135	4/6/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	No	Released in full

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3136	3/31/49	New York Memo of SA Spencer	3	No	(see attached)
3137	4/6/49	New York Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	Released in full
3138	4/6/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
3139	4/6/49	Washington Field Office report to Bureau	16	Yes	
3140	4/7/49	New Haven report to Bureau	4	Yes	
3141		Boston teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
3142	4/7/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
3143	4/8/49	New York Memo	1	No	Released in full
3144	4/8/49	New York Memo	1	No	(see attached)
3145	4/7/49	New York Memo	1	No	Released in full
3146	4/8/49	El Paso airtel to Bureau	1	Yes	
3147	4/6/49	New York Memo	1	Yes	

AUC. NO.	SERIAL NO.	DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	PAGES ACTUAL REL.	DELETION(S)	EXEMPTION(S)	CNO. REV.
	3136	New York memo of SA Spencer	3	3 Page 1: Released in entirety Page 2: Paragraph 1 unfounded statement of personal nature Page 3: Released in entirety	(b) (7) (C)	
	3144	Memo SA Shannon, New York to file 4/8/49	1	0 Denied in entirety. Unfounded statement of personal nature	(b) (7) (C)	



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April 4, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

Reference is made to the memorandum of Supervisor Tuohy regarding the proposed trip by SA Shannon to Pittsburgh to accompany certain documents which are to be examined by a defense expert in that city. On the afternoon of April 1, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau advised that the Bureau authorized the agent to accompany these documents to Pittsburgh in this respect. I advised Mr. Fletcher that AUSA Murphy had been in touch with the defense attorneys who had offered to pay the agent's expenses and that AUSA Murphy plans to ask for transportation fare plus \$12 per day for expenses. I advised that we would like to know whether the Bureau approved this procedure. Mr. Fletcher advised that he would check on this and let me know. I advised that the defense expert in Pittsburgh will not be available for at least a week. Therefore, the Bureau could advise us concerning this any time next week.

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MEMO

Re: JAHAM
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE R;
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Reference is made to the memorandum of the writer dated February 15, 1949 concerning ROBERT CANTWELL.

This is to advise that on March 31, 1949, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised that he had just recalled that ROBERT CANTWELL'S real name was LLOYD CANTWELL. According to CHAMBERS, he thought CANTWELL had changed his given name when he came to New York City from the state of Washington. The only reason he ever gave CHAMBERS for this was that he did not like the name of LLOYD. CANTWELL did not change his name legally to CHAMBERS' knowledge. In conclusion, CHAMBERS stated that he has known CANTWELL since approximately 1930, but he did not think that he knew that his real name was LLOYD until some years later.

As is known, CHAMBERS used the alias of LLOYD CANTWELL in some of his operations. It has also been determined that the HISS' investigators have been investigating the possibility of CHAMBERS having been confined to a mental institution. ROBERT CANTWELL, according to investigation conducted, was confined to a mental institution in White Plains, New York. Concerning the fact that his real name is LLOYD CANTWELL, it is possible that this situation is what has misled the HISS' investigators.

FRANCIS X. PLANT, SA

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this book was delicately handled and that there are no passages in the book which would be considered by most people as obscene or decidedly objectionable.

ROY J. BARILOGA, SA



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United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
April 7, 1949

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

On 4/1/49 AUSA T. F. Murphy made available to SA T. G. Spencer a number of mimeographed copies of letters addressed to ALGER HISS in which the writers affirmed their belief in HISS' innocence. The letters were loaned to Mr. Murphy by VICTOR LASKY, a reporter on the "World Telegram" who with RALPH TOLEDANO of "Newsweek" is writing a book on HISS. LASKY told Mr. Murphy only that he had secured the letters "legally".

A photostatic copy of these letters is being maintained in instant file and a copy has been furnished to Mr. Murphy. The mimeographed copies were returned to his office on 4/4/49. He suggested that the names and addresses of the writers of these letters be set out in the next investigative report submitted in this case.

JOSEPH M. KELLY,
Special Agent

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April 6, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

During the interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on April 5, 1949, he related that he had been giving some consideration to persons who might appear for him as a character reference. In this regard he stated that it would be almost impossible to recommend anyone that he knew prior to April of 1938 in view of his operations prior to that time; particularly during the period from 1924 to 1938 when he was actively associated with the Communist Party and the Communist Party Underground.

He stated however that the following persons have known him since approximately 1938 and in most instances would be in a position to comment favorably upon his character, background and reputation. He also stated that since his "entrance into society" in 1938 he had been associated principally with the officials and employees of the Henry Luce Publications, namely, "Life," "Time," and "Fortune." He listed the following persons as people who would probably consider testifying as to his character and background, etc.

Time, Inc.

HENRY R. LUCE, Publisher
RAY LARSEN, President
RALPH D. PAYNE, Managing Editor of "Fortune"
JOHN K. JESSOP, Assistant Managing Editor of "Fortune"

He related that the above named individuals were the top officials of Time, Inc. and that before any effort was made to determine whether they would appear as character references, it might be advantageous for CHAMBERS to either personally call on them or drop them a note in an effort to determine their reaction to this proposition.

He related that PATRICIA DUVER who was the Assistant to the Managing Editor of "Fortune," was a friend of his for some years and who he was sure would be most willing to appear as a character reference. He stated that WEILDER HOBSON who was the Senior Editor of "Fortune" was a very good friend of his and that HOBSON was a cousin of THAYER HOBSON, the father of TIMMY HOBSON.

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Continuing, he advised that JOHN MC DONALD, who was one of the Senior Editors of "Fortune" was well known to him, but commented that MC DONALD was an ex-Trotskyite. CHAMBERS related that the following persons who were connected with the personnel of "Life" magazine were well known to him and would comment favorably if called to testify.

HANOUR BALFOUR, a Research Worker
CHARLES J. B. MURPHY, a Senior Writer
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, an Editorial Writer
WINTHROP SARGENT, a Senior Writer
MONACA WYATT, a Research Worker
MARION MC PHAIL, a Research Worker and the daughter of
LARRY MC PHAIL, and the wife of Dr. WALSH MC DERMOTT

It will be recalled that Dr. MC DERMOTT examined CHAMBERS when the latter had a serious heart condition and the investigators had indicated that this examination was a result of a nervous breakdown which resulted in CHAMBERS being confined to a mental institution.

CHAMBERS related that the following persons of "Time" magazine would be able to comment favorably as character references:

T. S. MATTHEWS, the Managing Editor who is the son of a former Episcopal Bishop of New Jersey.
MAX WAYS, a foreign news editor and the son of a former prominent Baltimore newspaper man.
JACK TIBBY, a Senior Editor
HARRY GRUNWALD, a News Writer
CONTENT PECKHAM, a News Writer
FRED GRUIN, Foreign Correspondent
CRAIG THOMPSON, Foreign Chief of "Time" magazine's Bureau in Moscow and presently employed by the Lecture Bureau of Johns Hopkins Hospital
JAMES SHEPLEY, Chief of the Washington News Bureau of "Time" magazine, who according to CHAMBERS is one of his closest friends and who during the war was associated with the Crypto Analysis Section of the Intelligence Division of the Army and who was directly attached to General Marshall's Staff.
ROBERT ELSON, former head of the Washington Times Bureau and who is presently the head of all United States and Canadian correspondence for "Time."

DUNCAN NORTON-TAYLOR, a Senior Editor of "Time"

Among the other persons whom CHAMBERS has known for approximately the past ten years and who he feels would comment favorably, are:

JOHN BARKHAM, who at one time worked for CHAMBERS at Time, Inc. and who is presently the Literary Editor and Book Reviewer for the "New York Times."

CHAMBERS related that in 1941 he was baptized at St. John the Divine Church in Manhattan by Father DUDLEY HUGHES, an Episcopal priest whose father was at one time the President of the Fifth Avenue Bank. CHAMBERS related that Father HUGHES is presently in Maine and at the time of the HISS-CHAMBERS publicity, CHAMBERS received a letter from Father HUGHES indicating that if FATHER HUGHES could be of any assistance he would be glad to do so.

CHAMBERS related that during the past seven or eight years he has been corresponding with Father JAMES KELLER, a Catholic priest who runs an organization known as the "Christopher" which is located in New York City.

According to CHAMBERS, this is a honorary society to which are elected people who bring light to the world. CHAMBERS related that he has received quite a few complimentary letters from Father KELLER and is of the definite opinion that Father KELLER holds him in high regard for CHAMBERS' work in exposing Communism.

CHAMBERS related that among his other associates, is one Dr. RHEINHOLD NIEBUHR who is the Professor of Applied Theology at the Union Theological Seminary, which is located just adjacent to Columbia University at New York City. CHAMBERS related that on one occasion, some years ago, he wrote a cover story in "Time" magazine in which he favorably commented on Dr. NIEBUHR. CHAMBERS subsequently learned that this piece that CHAMBERS wrote had become prescribed reading for all theology students at the Union Theological Seminary. As a result of this article, Dr. NIEBUHR has corresponded with CHAMBERS and the latter is of the opinion that Dr. NIEBUHR would make an excellent character reference.

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Along this same line, CHAMBERS related that some time in either 1943 or 1944 he wrote a cover story about POPE PIUS XII and that as a result of this story, appearing in "Time" magazine, the Jesuit Order requested several hundred copies of this particular edition. CHAMBERS related that he does not know any particular Jesuit, but just commented on this in passing.

CHAMBERS related that another person whom he has known for the past ten years is one PAUL NEWLON, an attorney with offices in Room 421 at 61 Broadway, New York City. According to CHAMBERS, one of the partners of this firm is PAUL WEISS whom CHAMBERS believes is the brother of CAROL KING, the well-known representative of Communist and Leftist Groups in New York City.

CHAMBERS related that HISS first attempted to have the Newlon Firm represent him in the perjury trial, but that NEWLON would not agree to act as HISS' lawyer. According to CHAMBERS, he became acquainted with PAUL NEWLON through the latter's wife who was CHAMBERS' personal Researcher at "Time" magazine for many years.

It is suggested that the information contained in this memorandum be brought to the attention of Assistant Attorney General T. J. Donegan, and Assistant United States Attorney Tom Murphy.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA



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New York, New York

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MEMO

RE: GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF
ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN U. S.

Mr. Connelley
W. J. [Signature]

On the morning of April 7, 1949, I received a call from Assistant Director D. M. Ladd with reference to my conversation with him of April 6 relative to the desire of the Grand Jury that the Director and the Attorney General appear before it. Mr. Ladd advised that the Director has indicated that he has no desire to appear before the Grand Jury; that he feels that the request for his appearance would be based on a publicity stunt on the part of the GJ. I advised Mr. Ladd that I would informally advise Mr. Donegan of the above and that the Director did not feel that his appearance before the GJ would be desirable. I advised Mr. Ladd, as set forth in my conversation with him on April 6, that Mr. Donegan felt that he could control the GJ with reference to this matter without difficulty. Mr. Ladd requested that I speak to Mr. Donegan and advise him as soon as the matter had been settled.

I then called Mr. Donegan who stated that he could handle the matter; that inasmuch as he would be in Washington on April 8 he would further discuss this with the Director at that time.

I advised Mr. Ladd of the results of my conversation with Mr. Donegan and informed him that Mr. Donegan appeared to be confident that he had control of the Grand Jury.

A. H. BELMONT
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April 7, 1949

MEMO

RE: GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF
ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN U. S.

On the afternoon of April 6, 1949, I spoke to Assistant Director D. M. Ladd of the Bureau and advised him that, as the Bureau is aware, the Grand Jury has been going a little bit afield and apparently has the idea that it should find out as much as possible about espionage in the United States and draw on all sources to get that information and possibly come up with a presentment. Mr. Ladd was informed that on April 6, the foreman of the Grand Jury advised Mr. T. J. Donegan that the Grand Jury would like to hear from the Attorney General and Director Hoover to get any information they might have on espionage activities in the United States and what should be done to combat that situation. The foreman of the Grand Jury would like to have them appear sometime next week. Mr. Donegan advised him that this, of course, was out of the question because of the crowded schedules of the Attorney General and the Director, but Donegan did not want to turn them down on his own, and advised the GJ he would check into the situation.

I advised Mr. Ladd that Mr. Donegan said he would handle the situation as far as the Attorney General is concerned, and insofar as the Director is concerned, there are probably two things which could be done: 1) Donegan can diplomatically table the request, or 2) If the Director should want to appear in a couple of weeks, that of course could be arranged. Mr. Donegan wanted the Bureau to have this information and stated he would discuss it more fully and what is behind it when he sees the Director on Monday morning, April 11.

A. H. BELMONT
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MEMO

RE: JAHAM

Mr. T. J. Donegan advised me on April 7, 1949 that defense attorney McLEAN had called him with reference to postponing the trial until May 2, 1949. McLEAN had suggested that neither the Government nor the defense was ready to go to trial on April 11. Mr. Donegan advised that he had told McLEAN that it was apparent that the defense was not ready as the document examiner in Pittsburgh would be examining the documents on April 12. Donegan told McLEAN that postponement until May 2 was satisfactory with him if it was with AUSA Murphy; that he would check with Mr. Murphy and if it was satisfactory he would take care of having the case set back to May 2.

Mr. Donegan advised me that the case would be set back to May 2. He further advised that McLEAN had indicated that insofar as the defense was concerned, there would be no further request for postponement after May 2.

While I was speaking to Assistant Director Ladd on the afternoon of April 7, I furnished him the above information.

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I telephoned Mr. Norman Swan, Secretary to Mr. Thomas Morgan on April 7th, and ascertained from him that Mr. Morgan is at his farm near Henderson, N.C., and will be there until April 15th. His telephone number there is 5203.

Mr. Swan suggested that if we plan to contact Mr. Morgan there it might be advisable to telephone him first to make sure that he would be at home.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
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*Miss Tate advised 4/8 Mr. Scheidt
contacted Mr. Swan and arrangements
were made to see Mr. Morgan Tuesday April 19.
Trial has been postponed to May 2nd and
this appointment OK with desk & Jim Kelly -
J.R. Shivers*

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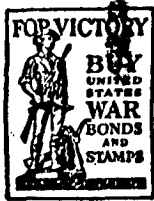
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

March
CHAMBERS was interviewed on ~~December~~ *March* 31, 1949 and furnished the following information:

Sometime in about 1937 while ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS were probably residing at the 30th Street address, CHAMBERS was informed by either ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS that TIMMY HOBSON was stopping off on his way from school to visit an artist or a writer who lived somewhere in the Georgetown section of Washington; that ALGER and PRISCILLA were rather alarmed at the relationship that might be going on between TIMMY and this artist. Continuing, CHAMBERS replied that late one afternoon while he was at the HISS residence and talking to PRISCILLA HISS, ALGER returned to the house and informed PRISCILLA and himself that he, ALGER HISS, visited this artist and forbade this man from seeing TIMMY at any future time.

CHAMBERS related that on the afternoon of March 30, 1949 in response to a telephone call from BLANCHE FINN she visited the latter at her apartment, 20 West 10th Street, New York City. According to CHAMBERS, BLANCHE FINN was at one time a fellow traveler and was and still is a militant trade unionist. She is probably a Socialist at this time but is definitely Anti-Communist. BLANCHE FINN has been employed at "Time" Magazine for about five years. She is employed as a Research Worker and for sometime was handling a file which was made up by J. B. MATTHEWS of the New York "Journal American". This file allegedly contains a lot of secret information about the Communist Party. According to CHAMBERS, the officials of "Time" Magazine made some sort of a deal whereby information in this file was made available to the Editors of "Time" Magazine. CHAMBERS stated BLANCHE FINN had more or less charge of reviewing this



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material and extracting information for "Time" editorials and stories. At the time of this visit to BLANCHE'S apartment, she related that she had received a story about the HISS-CHAMBERS case from ROBERT BOYD. ROBERT BOYD, according to CHAMBERS, is the brother-in-law of LARRY DUGGAN and was made a Senior Editor of "Time" just subsequent to December 11, 1948 when CHAMBERS resigned from "Time, Inc."

According to the story told to BLANCHE FINN by ROBERT BOYD, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had been a visitor to the HISS residence in Washington more often than apparently appeared in the public testimony concerning the HISS-CHAMBERS matter. According to BOYD, sometime probably in 1936 or later, ALGER HISS is supposed to have discovered that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was having homosexual relations with TIMMY HOBSON. Upon learning this ALGER HISS summarily ordered CHAMBERS out of the house and forbade him to return again. CHAMBERS is supposed to have returned to the HISS household when he knew that ALGER and PRISCILLA were not there and that CHAMBERS had been admitted to the house by TIMMY HOBSON. It appears that the HISS crowd will attempt to show that on these later occasions, CHAMBERS had access to the Woodstock typewriter without the knowledge of PRISCILLA HISS and prepared the "so-called Baltimore papers" on this typewriter. CHAMBERS has vehemently denied that he has had any relations of this type with TIMMY HOBSON and has suggested that it might be wise to bring this matter to the attention of TIMMY HOBSON in order that a denial might be obtained from the latter.

Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he was very seriously considering making a press release denying the above mentioned story but stated that he would make no definite arrangements to do this and would not do so unless he had advised the Agents who have been interviewing him.

With further reference to BLANCHE FINN, CHAMBERS related that in his conversation with her yesterday, she indicated that ALGER HISS was acquainted with HEDDA MASSING. CHAMBERS related that BLANCHE FINN covered the GERHARDT EISLER story for "Time" Magazine

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and knew that HEDDA MASSING was a former wife of EISLER. It also appears that her information concerning HEDDA MASSING was brought to the attention of the National Affairs Editor of "Time" but that BLANCHE had suggested that it might be inadvisable to make any public statement about HEDDA MASSING. CHAMBERS related that he gathered from his conversation with BLANCHE FINN that the latter had recently had some conversations with HEDDA MASSING and had asked her about her knowledge of ALGER HISS. According to CHAMBERS, MASSING is reported to have told BLANCHE FINN that the former was under subpoena and, therefore, could not discuss this matter. BLANCHE informed CHAMBERS that she gained the definite impression from this that MASSING and ALGER HISS were known to each other.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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Reference is made to Serial 42 of New York file 65-6766, which is the original file pertaining to J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. The serial mentioned is a photostatic copy of a blind memorandum wherein is set forth information on a conversation held between Assistant Director NICHOLS and one WILL ALLEN. In view of this information and the fact that ALLEN was indicated to have been in contact with CHAMBERS, the latter was discreetly interrogated as to his knowledge of and association with this individual.

Mr. CHAMBERS recalled the name of WILL ALLEN only after considerable thought. He then remembered that ALLEN had once called him at his, CHAMBERS' home in Westminster, Maryland and asked that CHAMBERS meet him in New York City. CHAMBERS stated that he agreed to do so and actually did meet ALLEN the following day. At that time ALLEN asked CHAMBERS to come to his hotel room for their conversation. However, CHAMBERS added that he had never seen ALLEN before and therefore refused. ALLEN then asked CHAMBERS if the latter would be willing to talk to him in BEN STOLBERG'S apartment. CHAMBERS related that he agreed to this arrangement and ALLEN thereupon called STOLBERG and made the necessary arrangements.

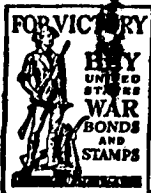
Continuing, CHAMBERS stated that he and ALLEN talked for some hours, during which time ALLEN interviewed him concerning Communism and Russian activities.

According to CHAMBERS, ALLEN again contacted him the following day at his office at "Time, Inc." and tried "to pressure" him into talking to him again. However, this time CHAMBERS stated, he refused. He added that he did not like ALLEN and never saw this individual again.

As indicated above, this memorandum is being submitted for record purposes.

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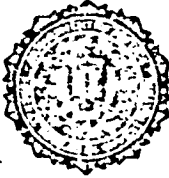
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MEMORANDUM:

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During the course of interviewing WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, he advised that he had learned that part of the defense of ALGER HISS in this case would evolve around the following:

That ALGER HISS sometime, probably in 1936 or later, discovered that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was having homosexual relations with TIMOTHY HOBSON, son of PRISCILLA HISS and stepson of ALGER HISS; that upon learning this ALGER HISS ordered CHAMBERS from his house and forbade him to return. According to the information that CHAMBERS received, he, CHAMBERS, was supposed to have returned to the HISS household when he knew that ALGER and PRISCILLA were not there, and that TIMOTHY HOBSON admitted him to the house. In this way he would have access to the Woodstock typewriter therein.

This information was made available to Special Assistant T. J. Donegan and consideration was given to reinterviewing TIMOTHY HOBSON. Mr. Donegan advised that in a signed statement dated February 9, 1949, TIMOTHY HOBSON had stated, "I do not recall anyone by the name of George Crosley or Chambers visiting at any of these above residences; from conversations I have since had with my mother and stepfather I have learned that a Mrs. Crosley and child stayed a few days at our 2905 P Street residence. I do not recall that George Crosley himself was at our home as the same time as this woman and child, but I have been told by my mother and stepfather that he did stay a few days with us at the same time." Mr. Donegan stated that in view of this statement of TIMOTHY HOBSON, he felt that in the event he were reinterviewed and confronted with the fact that we had knowledge that the defense intended to show that there was any relationship between CHAMBERS and HOBSON, that this would focus this particular information and the defense may very well change the facts in order to suit their own particular purpose. Mr. Donegan further stated that he felt this signed statement would negative any attempt by the defense to use the information as herein set forth.

D. L. SHANNON,
Special Agent

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cc - Mr. Donegan

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